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VERMONT

A Sense of Place: Vermont's 8th annual Historic Preservation Conference May 10, Rutland, VT

Visit historic downtown Rutland for a full day of workshops and tours with a focus on *A Sense of Place: Stronger Downtowns, Better Communities*. >From a basic introduction to the field of preservation to fundraising, from railroads to archaeology, workshops are designed to offer something for everyone. Tom Slayton, Editor of *Vermont Life* magazine and Stacy Mitchell of the Institute of Local Self-Reliance, will start the day with a plenary session in the newly restored Paramount Theatre. Join us! For more information about how to register, please contact Lisa Ryan, the Conference Coordinator, (802) 652-0077 conference@ptvermont.org.

New PTV Field Representative: Doug Porter

The Preservation Trust of Vermont and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently hired Doug Porter of Jeffersonville to be a Field Service Representative. The Preservation Field Services program is a partnership between the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Field Service Representatives represent

the programs and services of both organizations as they provide guidance to individuals and organization involved in historic preservation projects.

Doug brings ten years of historic preservation experience to the job, including work for the National Park Service, as a consultant, woodworker, educator and more. To contact him: doug@ptvermont.org.

Sign up now for....

Retreats for Community Preservation Projects at the Grand Isle Lake House

These retreats are geared for volunteers working on projects in their communities, from restoring a building to raising funds, to community planning projects to strengthening downtowns and village centers. The workshops start at 3 end the following day after lunch about 2 pm. 2-4 people from each project should plan to attend and present a 15-minute case study from a their project. The case study should frame a problem that once solved would catapult the project along its timeline. Cost is \$80 per person, double occupancy. \$105 per single. Includes meals.

May 20-21

June 25-26

July 15-16

August 19-20

September 9-10

September 30-October 1

For more information or to sign up, email ann@ptvermont.org or call 434-5014.

Town Meeting Results

Generally, Town Meeting Day results were favorable towards preservation and downtown development interests.

- Middlebury voters overwhelmingly opposed an out-of-town location for their municipal offices. The vote was 690 to 500 opposed to a referendum that asked selectmen to strike a deal with Middlebury College whereby the college would convey the Maple Manor property on Route 7 -- along with \$3 million in municipal building construction aid -- to the town in return for the current town office property at the intersection of South Main and College streets. The Preservation Trust will continue to support a downtown solution for the location of the town offices.
- In Ferrisburg, on a voice vote, residents voted to table the out-of-town location for the Town Hall and to set up a committee to study alternatives.
- Brandon voters rejected 523-400 a \$1 million proposal for new offices downtown. The deal was a complicated three-way transaction involving the McKernon Group. The Preservation Trust will continue to work with Brandon to find a less expensive solution in the downtown.

Downtown Bill Update

H. 208, A Bill Supporting Development in Downtowns, Villages and New Town Centers is moving in the legislature H.208 is pending for action on the House Floor. The Preservation Trust of Vermont has been working to

support this legislation for several years. The bill would:

- 1) Reform and reallocate state tax credit programs to support private investment into older and historic buildings. The tax credit programs would now help developers installing elevators, lifts, and sprinklers in older and historic downtown buildings, help redevelopment projects in village centers, and support investment in village center general stores and privately owned post office buildings.
- 2) Improve predictability and increase flexibility in Vermont's building codes.
- 3) Reduce state Act 250 land use regulation over some projects in Designated Downtowns.
- 4) Acknowledge and support local efforts to create New Town Centers in municipalities with no town centers.

The bill can be viewed in the House Calendar at:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2002/calendar/hc020327.htm>

Housing and Conservation Trust Fund

House Appropriations Committee votes to Reduce Funding for the Housing and Conservation Trust Fund by \$2.25M

Since 1987, Vermont has made a dedicated, stable state investment in land conservation and downtown redevelopment through the Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. This investment has helped conserve over 290 family farm, 239,000 acres of important recreation land, natural areas and historic properties; created 6,600 units of affordable housing for 16,500 Vermonters; leveraged over \$510M matching money for local projects; and guaranteed a perpetual return on precious state dollars.

Governor Dean's FY03 budget proposed funding the Trust Fund based on the statutorily mandated formula governing the allocation of state property transfer tax receipts. This existing Vermont law dedicates 50% of those tax dollars to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB). For FY03 the Governor proposed an estimated \$11.8M for VHCB state grant dollars.

The House Appropriations Committee voted to ignore the statute governing VHCB funding and to reduce the amount by \$2.25M. They propose to authorize \$9.63M for VHCB next year. The bill is available at: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2002/bills/intro/H-766.htm> (see sections 303 and 268)

H.766 also proposes the following language govern the VHCB grant program for FY03:

*In allocating special funds appropriated under this section during fiscal year 2003, the housing and conservation board shall make allocations according to the following priorities: (1) affordable housing, (2) community conservation activities, (3) farm and agricultural conservation, (4) natural resource conservation; and further, shall make such allocations so as to maximize the leverage

of available federal and private funds and investments.*

National Register News

The National Park Service has recently listed the following Vermont properties on the National Register of Historic Places:

Sandbar State Park in Milton, Thetford Hill State Park in Thetford, Townshend State Park in Townshend and the Stowe CCC Side Camp (otherwise known as the Vermont Ski Dorm) in Stowe

Part of a group of 21 state parks constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in Vermont in the 1930s as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal Program. The parks' landscaping and rustic architecture are typical of parks constructed by the CCC nationwide and reflect a period of social and conservation reform as well as new tourism and recreation trends. The parks were nominated to the National Register under the nationwide Historic Park Landscapes in National and State Parks Multiple Documentation Form.

Atherton Farmstead, Cavendish

A 43-acre farmstead located on the Crown Point Road that includes a c.1785 Cape Cod farmhouse with a c.1840 connected shed, a c.1913 detached carriage shed, and a c.1840 detached Early Barn nominated under the Agricultural Resources of Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form. The farmstead is significant as an example of a late 18th/early 19th century farmstead and the house is a good example of an early Cape Cod house. The house appears to have functioned as a tavern from the date of its construction until about 1812. A tavern operated on the site beginning in 1770 but was likely an earlier log structure. Four generations of the Atherton family farmed the property from 1812 to 1936.

Swanton School, Swanton

A large, two-and-one-half story, hipped roof, brick Colonial Revival style school built in 1912 near the center of Swanton village. The school was nominated under the Educational Resources of Vermont Multiple Property Documentation Form. The school reflects early twentieth century educational trends and is a good example of Colonial Revival school architecture. It was recently rehabbed for use as senior housing using the Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

PRESERVATION IN PROGRESS

Peacham, Bayley-Hazen Store

Since July 2001, PTV has been working with a group of about ten Peacham residents interested in reopening the Bayley-Hazen Store. This village grocery store had long served the community when, in early 2001, a couple who owned the store for less than a year closed the store and moved out of state. PTV has linked the group with other examples of community owned businesses, and is currently exploring a partnership with a non-profit organization. With funding from the Freeman Foundation, the Preservation Trust has committed \$40,000 for the acquisition and rehab of the property.

West Danville, Old Schoolhouse

The village center of West Danville, on Joe's Pond, consists of a general

store, church, late-19 century schoolhouse (now converted to home supply store), a tiny one-roomed seasonal library, and several houses. With the pending closure of the home supply store, the church and community are interested in buying the schoolhouse and converting it to shared community club and meeting space for the church. Interest is heightened because several buyers were exploring purchasing the property for evening entertainment not geared to the community.

Cuttingsville, Laurel Hall

Laurel Hall, the Bowman family mansion on Route 103, along with the greenhouse and family mausoleum across the street, are architectural gems. The exterior of the mansion is graced with carved laurel leaves and the interior is significant with period wall paper. The building, owned by a non-profit organization, is in critical need of roof repairs. The Preservation Trust is working with the organization to develop an exterior and interior maintenance and fundraising plan.

Huntington Town Hall

The Town Hall was built in 1903 by Modern Woodmen. In 1956 the building was deeded to the Town. It was used for town meeting, performances and gatherings until 1990, then served as a library until 1999 when it was closed due to a complaint that the building was not accessible. About the same time, it was discovered that a water leak had caused a profusely odorous mold growth and the building was closed. The Preservation Trust is helping the Town Selectboard to work with the committee to save the building.

NATIONAL

Bush Releases FY'03 Budget: Historic Preservation Funding Cut

President Bush delivered the FY2003 budget to Congress on February 4, including \$67 million for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). The HPF received a 10.7% cut from last year's enacted level (\$74.5 million) and comes on the heels of a 21% reduction for historic preservation programs in FY'02, possibly signaling a major funding decline for years to come. The state historic preservation offices (SHPOs) programs were cut by \$5 million in the FY'03 budget and funding was not continued for the National Trust's Historic Sites Fund, which received \$2.5 million in FY'02. On a positive note, level funding was provided for Tribal preservation programs (\$3 million) and a fourth year of funding was proposed for the Save America's Treasures (SAT) program at \$30 million.

Help Restore Funding to the Historic Preservation Fund in FY'03! Dear Colleague Letter Needs Your Advocacy!!

Your help is needed to help reverse the cuts in funding for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) and the national preservation program. In the current fiscal year, FY 2002, funding for state and tribal preservation programs has been cut by \$10 million, and now an additional reduction of \$7.5 million is proposed in the President's budget for FY 2003.

Action Needed

We are asking all preservation advocates to contact their Representatives in support of restoring these cuts by providing a funding level of \$85.5 million for the HPF in FY 2003. Every member of the House of Representatives

will have a chance to support this request by signing the "Dear Colleague" letter below, which urges the House Interior Subcommittee to return the appropriation for the State and Tribal preservation programs to their FY 2001 level. The letter is sponsored jointly by Representative Dale Kildee (D-MI) and Robert Ehrlich, Jr. (R-MD). It offers an easy way for your Representative to show his/her support for the historic preservation programs in his/her state.

Call, fax, or e-mail your Representative's office immediately asking him/her to sign the Kildee/Ehrlich letter by contacting Elizabeth Leoty of Representative Kildee's staff at 202-225-3661 or J. P. Scholtes of Representative Ehrlich's staff at 202-225-3061. The deadline for signatures is April 8, 2002. You can use the U.S. Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121) to call your Member of Congress or e-mail your Representative through the National Trust's congressional advocacy center web site at <http://capwiz.com/>.

DEAR COLLEAGUE LETTER

Honorable Joe Skeen, Chairman
Honorable Norman D. Dicks, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior

Dear Chairman Skeen,

We are writing to express our strong support for restoring the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) to \$85.5 million in FY 2003.

Since passage of the National Historic Preservation Act, thirty-five years ago, the federal government has established a set of incentives and programs supported by the HPF that foster local decision making and re-direct private investment to existing resources. In essence, the HPF works in partnership with state, tribal and local governments to preserve America's past for future generations; thereby ensuring our historic places are identified, recognized and protected.

Last year, Congress appropriated \$74.5 million for the HPF, a \$20 million reduction from FY'01. This year, the President's Budget requests only \$67 million for the HPF -- another \$7.5 million decrease from the previous year. While we recognize recent events gave constrained funding for many worthy programs, HPF should not bear the brunt of additional funding decreases.

In our view, additional funding decreases in the HPF will severely undermine the ability of the preservation programs to contribute fully toward achieving our national livability and resource protection objectives. Now more than ever, we need to rally to defend the very places that give meaning and context to the American experience. Without restoring the funds, many of America's sacred buildings and lands will continue to deteriorate and, eventually, will be lost forever. Accordingly, we ask that you restore the HPF funding to \$85.5 million for FY 2003 and ensure that our national treasures remain intact. The accomplishments generated through the HPF activities are vital to the continued strength of our nation, for they remind all Americans of our past and provide us with a stronger cultural foundation for the 21st century.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Leoty of Kildee's staff at 202-225-3611 or J.P. Scalds of Ehrlich's staff at 202-225-3061.

Sincerely,

Dale Kildee
Member of Congress

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Member of Congress

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

National E-newsletter

The National Trust Northeast Office has launched a monthly electronic newsletter. If you'd like to be added to their mailing list, please e-mail Tina White (tina_white@nthp.org) with your name, company (if appropriate), street address, and e-mail address.

New Web Site: www.preservationonline.org

Preservation, the magazine of the National Trust, has a new Web site. In addition to excerpts from the magazine, the site posts brand new stories about preservation every day, and in-depth stories once a week. Also, readers can post "Preservation 911" alerts about threatened buildings in their towns.

<http://www.nationaltrust.org/magazine/911/index.htm>

Community Rules: A New England Guide to Smart Growth Strategies

Written by the Conservation Law Foundation and the Vermont Forum on Sprawl, *Community Rules: A New England Guide to Smart Growth Strategies* is a guidebook for volunteer board members, planners, concerned citizens, and others who want to achieve smart growth in their communities through better planning, zoning, and permitting. Community Rules is accessible and authoritative, and is chock-full of examples of communities in New England and elsewhere that have laid the groundwork for smart growth through sensible planning, zoning and other strategies.

Community Rules shows how local regulations can be put to use to:

- Steer pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use development into town centers and new growth centers
- Sustain farming and forestry lands
- Tame big box development
- Protect natural resources

And much more! <http://www.clf.org/>

Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the Loss of a Valuable Resource

is a new publication from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Service. Focusing on New Hampshire examples, it includes advice on assessing and renovating deteriorating buildings, profiles of

notable barn restorations, and an extensive bibliography on barn repair.
\$19.95. <http://ceinfo.unh.edu/agriculture/documents/POBorder.pdf>.

EVENTS

March 29 - April 27

The New American Pastoral: Changes in the Landscape *Studio Place Arts Main Gallery, Barre*

In America, the unblemished frontier has been an ideal since its discovery. We are enchanted by the vast beauty and range of planes and textures that define the unique diversity of our country. At the same time, America is also defined by its tenacity to invent and manufacture. How these two play together is the subject of this April show. Featured artists include Altoon Sultan, Levin Pfeufer, H. Keith Wagner, Michael Smith, Clark Russell, Jeneane Lunn, Philip Hagopian, Charles Woodard, Nancy Hanson, Barret Roebuck and more. Mounted to coincide with Earth Month. Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St. Barre, VT 05641 (802) 479 7069.

April 4, 2002

Historic Barn Workshop

Round Barn, East Warren Road, Waitsfield, VT. 7 to 9 pm.

Presentation on the history of barns and the evolution of construction styles and how to prioritize, stabilize, and repair historic barns. Featuring Jan Lewandowski, a nationally recognized timber frame restoration contractor. Presented by the Mad River Valley Rural Resource Commission. Call 496-7173 for more information.

April 7-10, 2002

National Main Street Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

"The 2002 National Town Meeting on Main Street offers proven ideas and strategies for commercial district revitalization. Come to Fort Worth and learn tools and strategies to turn your Main Street into a vibrant commercial center. Small towns and urban districts alike will benefit from the targeted information National Town Meeting provides. More than 75 educational and field sessions will give you the chance to learn and interact with informed, experienced, professionals. Networking opportunities allow an exchange of ideas with others in the field, in a dynamic environment that will re-charge your batteries and leave you with ideas you can take home and use." Get all the details and registration forms at: <http://www.mainstreet.org>

April 20, 2002

The Future of Vermont History in the 21st Century: Needs and Opportunities.

Capitol Plaza and the Pavilion, Building Auditorium, Montpelier, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where is Vermont Historical research going in the 21st century? This year's edition of the Vermont Historical Society's biennial symposium will allow scholars and the broad community of people interested in Vermont history to identify areas in the field that need further attention and to further strategize an agenda for future research. Registration required- \$40.00 VHS members, \$50.00 Non-members. Call (802) 828-2291 to register or for more information.

May 2

Historic Barn Workshop

Gaylord Farm Barns, 2587 Main Street, Waitsfield. 6-8 p.m.

A guided tour through the Gaylord barns that will highlight common maintenance, deterioration, and rehabilitation problems and solutions. Featuring Charley Parker of Traditional Building Trades, a devoted to the preservationist of Vermont's historic structures whose preservation projects range from stabilization to complete restoration. Hadley Gaylord, Jr., the farm's proprietor, will be on hand as well. Presented by the Mad River Valley Rural Resource Commission. Call 496-7173 for more information.

June 6***Historic Barn Workshop******Old Palmer Barns, East Warren Road, Waitsfield, VT, 6-8 pm.***

A guided tour around the recently stabilized Palmer barns, now owned by Frankie Gardiner. Frank will discuss the barns' structural problems and the reasoning behind the stabilization, repair, and restoration techniques they chose to use. Featuring Frank Brown of Shepard Brook Restoration, a distinguished local restoration contractor and timber framer who has worked on a number of historic barns in the Valley. Presented by the Mad River Valley Rural Resource Commission. Call 496-7173 for more information.

June 9-14***Holistic Stewardship of the Historic Site******A Seminar for Historic Site Administrators***

Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia

info@npi.org www.npi.org

August 10 (Saturday)***Self-guided tours around several of the Mad River Valley's notable barns.***

Presented by the Waitsfield Historical Society in conjunction with the Mad River Valley Arts Festival. More information coming soon! Call 496-7173.

OPPORTUNITIES***Facility and Program Manager sought for The Latchis Center***

The Latchis is a multifaceted organization which includes a hotel, cinema, commercial rental spaces, as well as arts venues, and is owned by the Brattleboro Arts Initiative (a 501(c)(3) corporation). Varied responsibilities include management of staff, finances, and events. Unique opportunity for candidate with management experience and keen arts interest. Forward salary requirements and resume PT Search Committee, Brattleboro Arts Initiative, PO Box 249, Brattleboro, VT 05302, or bai@sover.net. For more information, visit www.latchis.org.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation***2002 Dozen Distinctive Destinations Nomination Form***

Give your favorite destination the recognition it deserves by nominating it for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2002 list of Dozen Distinctive Destinations. Each year, the National Trust honors 12 communities from across the country that offer enjoyable natural, historic, aesthetic, recreational and cultural experiences. Each has a dynamic downtown, commitment to historic preservation, interesting architecture, cultural diversity, an economic base of locally owned businesses, and walking access for residents and visitors.

This year's Dozen Distinctive Destinations will be announced during summer tourist season. Winners will be included in National Trust marketing materials, including a special brochure created for this year's winners.

To save resources (yours and ours) we would prefer electronic nomination submissions, including photographs (.jpg files), to dozen@nthp.org.

If mail or Fed Ex is your only option, then send your nomination to:

The Office of Communications
The National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

The deadline for ALL submissions is Friday, April 19, 2002, COB.

American Planning Association Awards

Every year, planners and their projects are acknowledged through the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association awards program. The program is designed to recognize a special person, organization, or project for its contribution to the field of planning. Award categories are Citizen Planner, Professional Planner, Project of the Year and Plan of the Year. The awards committee is actively seeking nominations for the year 2002 which will be awarded at the NNECAPA annual meeting in September, at the APA Region I Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

If you wish to nominate a person, organization, plan or project, please review the criteria and submit four (4) copies of your nomination(s) on the form available on-line at <http://www.nnecapa.org> to your state representative on the NNECAPA Awards Committee (addresses are on the nomination form).

Nominations must be received by August 16, 2002 for consideration this year.

Awards are available in the following categories:

Citizen Planner of the Year
Professional Planner of the Year
Project of the Year
Plan of the Year

Winners of the NNECAPA Awards will in turn be nominated for national awards in 2003. Forms for the awards can be found on the Chapter Website (<http://www.nnecapa.org>) or by contacting me.

Historic Charlotte House for Rent

Exceptionally charming 2+ bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, furnished home with all amenities including deck and gardens. Available immediately for year-round rental. Located at 2834 Spear Street, Charlotte, VT. For more information: lippertf@compuserve.com (301) 942-2799.

Waterfront Cottage for Rent

Bayview Cottage, 50 Bluff Road, Mills Point, Colchester. Available April -

November. For more information: lippertf@compuserve.com (301) 942-2799.

Preservation Leadership Training Institute: Marshall, California, June 22-29, 2002

Preservation Leadership Training is an intensive one-week experience tailored to the needs of state and local preservation organizations. PLT provides participatory learning experiences in leadership and organizational development techniques; stimulating educational session; and up-to-the-minute information on current preservation practices, issues, and action strategies.

For board members and staff of preservation organizations and agencies and others who are in positions to influence preservation efforts in their communities. Application deadline is April 19, 2002.

For more information contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation (202) 588-6067, plt@nthp.org.

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